

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document and the Implementation Plan are available from the EPA home page at the Environmental Sub-Set entry for this document under "Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>). The Implementation Plan is also posted at the FQPA section of EPA's Website: <http://www.epa.gov/opppsp1/FQPA>.

FQPA represents the most significant piece of pesticide and food safety legislation enacted in 30 years. It provides unprecedented opportunities to safeguard the health of all Americans, particularly infants and children, from risks posed by pesticides. The President called it "the peace of mind act" because it will "give parents the peace of mind that comes from knowing that the fruits, vegetables, and grains that they set down in front of their children are safe." FQPA signals a new era in food safety regulation in the United States. Major provisions, once fully implemented, will strengthen health and environmental protection in a number of ways. FQPA will:

- Establish a single, health-based standard for all pesticide residues in food, eliminating past inconsistencies in the law which treated residues in some processed foods differently from other raw and processed foods.
- Provide for a more complete assessment of potential risks, with special protections for potentially sensitive groups, such as infants and children.
- Require a reassessment of all existing residue limits in accordance with the new standard.
- Expand consumers' "right to know" about pesticide risks and benefits by requiring a new brochure for display in supermarkets and grocery stores.
- Ensure that all pesticides are periodically re-evaluated for adherence to current safety standards and are supported by up-to-date scientific data.
- Expedite the approval of safer, reduced risk pesticides.
- Encourage the development of safer, effective crop protection tools for American farmers.
- Promote national uniformity in pesticide residue limits, while respecting states' rights to require labeling or other warnings.
- Establish a more consistent, protective regulatory process, grounded in sound science and adaptable to future advances in scientific understanding.

No specific transition period is provided by the new FQPA, but the law contains sufficient flexibility to allow for a phase-in period as EPA deals with the complexities of the new provisions.

An important element of EPA's plan for implementation is the development of interim strategies to allow EPA to make timely decisions which are protective and economical but which can be revisited as implementation progresses. EPA intends to continually review all activities undertaken to implement the FQPA amendments, to assess their effectiveness and to make modifications as necessary. EPA will update implementation communication materials on a regular basis.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides, and pests.

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**FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION****Farm Credit Administration Board; Special Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Farm Credit Administration.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)), of the forthcoming special meeting of the Farm Credit Administration Board (Board).

**DATE AND TIME:** The special meeting of the Board will be held at the offices of the Farm Credit Administration in McLean, Virginia, on March 20, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. until such time as the Board concludes its business.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting of the Board will be open to the public (limited space available). In order to increase the accessibility to Board meetings, persons requiring assistance should make arrangements in advance. The matters to be considered at the meeting are:

**Open Session**

A. *Approval of Minutes*

B. *Report*

Farm Credit System Building Association Quarterly Report

C. *New Business*

**Regulation**

1. Disclosure to Shareholders [12 CFR Part 620](Final)
2. Cumulative Voting for Bank Directors [12 CFR Part 615] (Proposed)

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Floyd Fithian,

*Secretary, Farm Credit Administration Board.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**Petitions for Reconsideration and Clarification of Action in Rulemaking Proceedings**

March 6, 1997.

Petitions for reconsideration and clarification have been filed in the Commission's rulemaking proceedings listed in this Public Notice and published pursuant to 47 CFR Section 1.429(e). The full text of these documents are available for viewing and copying in Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, ITS, Inc. (202) 857-3800. Oppositions to these petitions must be filed April 2, 1997. See Section 1.4(b)(1) of the Commission's rules (47 CFR 1.4(b)(1)). Replies to an opposition must be filed within 10 days after the time for filing oppositions has expired.

**Subject:** Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radiofrequency Radiation. (ET Docket No. 93-62).

*Number of petitions filed:* 4.

**Subject:** Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Services and Modify the Policies Governing Them; Examination of Exclusivity and Frequency Assignment Policies of the Private Land Mobile Radio Services (PR Docket No. 92-235).

*Number of petitions filed:* 2.

**Subject:** Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding the 37.0-38.6 GHz and 38.6-40.0 GHz Bands ET Docket No. 95-183, RM-8533; Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding 37.0-38.6 GHz and 38.6-40.0 GHz Bands (PP Docket No. 93-253).

*Number of petitions filed:* 1.

**Subject:** Geographic partitioning and Spectrum Disaggregation by Commercial Mobile Radio Services Licensees (WT Docket No. 96-148); Implementation of Section 257 of the Communications